

MONDAY, February 5, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Richard and Walker—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal was corrected and approved.

The following communication and accompanying resolutions from the Duval Agricultural Society was, on motion of Mr. Osgood, read and ordered to be laid on the table and spread on the journal:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., January 27, 1877.

[*Extract from proceedings Duval Agricultural Society.*]

WHEREAS, We believe that every member of our State Government, the executive as well as the legislative departments, feels a deep interest in the agricultural and horticultural development of the State; and,

WHEREAS, We believe all will feel a just pride in the collection and exhibition of her varied products to the admiring thousands who will visit our State Fair:

Resolved, therefore, That we do hereby extend an invitation, to his Excellency Governor George F. Drew and his Cabinet, and also to the Senate and General Assembly to visit the State Fair, to be holden in this city from the 19th to the 25th, on the 22d of February next.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governor of the State, President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly.

D. S. PLACE, Secretary.

Mr. Brantley was granted leave of absence for three days.

Mr. Barnes offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State has been summoned to Washington to appear before the Joint Commission with the records in his office relating to the recent Presidential election; be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That he be authorized and empowered to take and carry with him all such

records; provided, he make and file with the Private Secretary of the Governor a memorandum of such papers as he shall so remove;

Which was read.

Mr. Durkee moved to amend by inserting "all records;"

Which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Hendry introduced Senate bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Barnes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 5, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred sundry bills, hereafter named, respectfully submit the following report:

That they have had under consideration

Assembly bill No. 41:

To be entitled an act to define the powers of Referees in cases in the Circuit Court and to fix their Fees,

And they have instructed me to report the said bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Also, that they have had under consideration

Assembly bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to facilitate the settlement of Estates of Deceased persons and the better to protect the Assets thereof,

And they have instructed me to report said bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Also, that they have had under consideration

Assembly bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act regulating the Practice in writs of Prohibition,

And they have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Also, that they have had under consideration

Assembly bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act to transfer causes pending in the County Courts on the 4th of May 1875, to other courts,

And they have instructed me to report the said bill back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the accompanying

amendments be made thereto, and that the bill as thus amended be passed.

Also, that they have had under consideration

Senate bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act for the relief of E. L. Otis,

And they have instructed me to report that the claim is one that should be made against the county of Leon and not against the State; therefore it is recommended that the bill do not pass.

Also, that they have had under consideration

Assembly bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 1628, relating to Jurors, and to repeal Chapter 2043, Laws of Florida, approved February 20, A. D. 1875,

And have instructed me to report the said bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that the accompanying amendments be made thereto, and that the bill when so amended do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Upon the question, Shall the Senate concur in the amendments proposed by the Committee?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Richard and Walker—14.

Nays—None.

So the Senate concurred in the amendments, and the bills as amended ordered for a third reading.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 3, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Judiciary Committee of the Senate and Assembly have held a conference over

Assembly bill No. 1:

To be entitled an act to amend the second, twenty-ninth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, fifty-eighth and sixty-eighth sections and repealing the fifty-third and fifty-fourth sections of an act entitled an act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace and Judgments of Justices' Courts, approved February 27, 1875,

And they have agreed to recommend that the Senate recede from amendments No. 2 and 3 made to said bill, and that the Assembly concur in Senate amendments No. 6 and 7.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to amend section 3, Chapter 1628, relating to Jurors, and to repeal Chapter 2043, Laws of Florida, approved February 20, 1875,

Was amended, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Governor by the hands of his Private Secretary.

Assembly bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act to transfer causes pending in the County Courts on the 4th of May, 1875, to other courts,

Was amended, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 41:

To be entitled an act to define the powers of a Referee in cases in the Circuit Courts, and for their fees,

Was amended, and ordered for a third reading.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his private Secretary.

Assembly bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to amend an act regulating the practice in writs of Prohibition,

Was read a second time, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to facilitate the settlement of Estates of Deceased Persons, and the better to protect the assets thereof,

Was read a second time, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act for the relief of E. C. Otis,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 5, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Senate Joint Resolution relative to authorizing the Secretary of State to convey the records of his office pertaining to the late election to the city of Washington.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying joint resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 5, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act to authorize George M. Whetstone to erect a Dam for milling purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe river; also

Senate bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bond.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 5, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Secretary of State to procure a certified list of the registered voters in the several counties in this State; and indefinitely postponed

Senate bill No 23:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the discharge of certain Criminals who are insolvent.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying joint resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, February 5, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act to authorize Josiah C. Hanna to estab-

lish and maintain a Bridge for Toll across Hillsborough river, and for other purposes; also

Assembly bill No. 79:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Yacht Club, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 5, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act to authorize William J. Barnet to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee river at Clay Landing; also

Assembly bill No. 44:

To be entitled an act to authorize John O. Howell to establish a Ferry across the Blackwater river at Milton, Florida, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly Bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act to authorize William J. Barnet to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee river at Clay Landing, Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly bill No. 44:

To be entitled an act to authorize John O. Howell to establish a Ferry across the Blackwater river at Milton, Florida, Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act to authorize Josiah C. Hanna to establish and maintain a Bridge for Toll across the Hillsborough river, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly bill No. 79:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Yacht Club,

Was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following communication was received from the Assistant Secretary of State:

I, Lucius B. Wombwell, Assistant Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of all the names of the corporations, date of filing and the names of the persons composing the corporation, as can be found in the office of the Secretary of State at the present time; also the names of all the corporations to whom certificates have been issued, with their date of issue.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at Tallahassee, the Capital, this, the fifth day of February, A. D. 1877, and the Independence of the United States the 101st year.

L. B. WOMBWELL,
Assistant Secretary of State.

Names of Corporations, Dates of Filing, and Names of Persons Constituting the Corporations.

Perdido Bay Canal Company, February 12, 1874. Charles Coweter, Robert F. Queal and George Escott.

Gulf and Atlantic Transit Canal Company, February 28, 1874. Marcellus L. Stearns, John Varnum and William H. Gleason.

Southern Central Railway Company, February 24, 1874. Dennis Eagan, Leonard G. Dennis, John A. Henderson, William J. Purman and William H. Gleason.

Gulf Railway Company, March 11, 1874. Dennis Eagan, D. Montgomery, L. G. Dennis, S. L. Tibbitts and S. Hamblin.

St. Augustine Railroad Company, March 24, 1874. L. G. Dennis, T. W. Osborn and D. Montgomery.

Indian River Land Company, April 9, 1874. Thaddeus Strat, Timothy Strat of South Carolina and William H. Gleason.

Muscogee Lumber Company, April 6, 1874. A. G. Martin, William F. McCormick, Enoch H. Paine and Seward M. Lemont.

Tallahassee Hotel Company, April 18, 1874. Waldo A. Blossom, William P. Slusser, Charles H. Edwards and James Mott.

Barcelona Street Wharf Company, May 1, 1874. N. B. Wheelock, E. Haines, A. J. Parlin, J. D. Cottrell, H. W. Berthong and J. N. Combs.

Town of Millview, May 11, 1874. Zebulon Elijah, Jacob Kalin, C. H. Parlin, F. N. Blount, Hiram Potter, J. N. Crombs. Geo. E. McCord, D. J. McCord, W. T. Kee, Jas. W. Dickson and Jas. H. Smith.

Perdido Bay Lumber Company, May 14, 1874. Charles Coweter, Robert F. Queal, George E. Scott, Stanton Coweter and Oren H. Queal.

Florida Savings Bank Real Estate Exchange, July 4, 1874. James H. Paine, Jonathan C. Greeley and Samuel Spearing.

St. Johns Transportation Company, July 14, 1874. Daniel G. Ambler, Daniel G. Love and Thos. H. Maxey.

Citizens Gaslight Company, July 18, 1874. Samuel B. Hubbard, Jno. C. L'Engle, John Darby, Smith & Bro., Noble A. Hull, Jas. P. Taliaferro, J. H. Bartow and W. M. Bostwick.

Sociedad Co-operation De Artesans El Progresor, July 18, 1874. Jacinto Borroto, Manuel G. Delgado, Jose T. Torg4e, Gregorio Cruz, Jose Medina, Jose M. J. Navarro, Baseleo Anguezra, Garrido Perer, Diomus Haer, Pedro C. Somerllan, Juan S. Navarro, Antonio Valdeo, Aguirro Pedro, Mazin Vedral, Jacinto Valdesy, Nelasco Sisto Fernandez, Josie D. Vayoz Esteroz, Juan C. Jerry, Bernardo Millares, Luis Somellan, J. W. Zodeslo, Aspeylia Fernando and others.

Sociedad de Locorros Mutinos La Esperanza, August 12, 1874. Nicolas Barruno, Franco Diaz, Pedro Arrnus, Elias Carballo and others.

Indian River and Lake Harney Tram Railroad Company, August 14, 1874. E. Hopkins & Co., Henry T. Titus, Thos. W. Land, R. Boulter and L. J. Carlile.

Sociedad Co-operation de Zeveres, September 28, 1874. (Names of incorporators attached, marked A.)

Fernandina Press Association, September 10, 1874. D. L. Yulee, and Samuel A. Swann.

Jacksonville Water Works Company, October 22, 1874. James H. Patterson, William Patterson and F. I. Wheaton.

Biscayne Bay Company, November 12, 1874. John Wallace, Frank G. Ford, William T. Whelers, Robert C. Coe, Sterling C. Eve, Jos B. Cummings, James G. Bailie, William M. Goodrich, Geo. W. Summers, Joseph H. Day, Chas. A. Rowland, W. Watkin Hicks and W. H. Gleason.

Names of Corporations, Dates of Filing, and names of Persons constituting the Corporation.

Secret and Independent Order of the Sons of Experience, December 17, 1874. Angel Trubano, Zuan Romera, Nuolus, Valder, Fernando Martinez, Joaquin W. Temener, Juan Cas-

tello, Francesco Gorner, Ernando Romero, Raphael Mora, Francesco Truolo, Jose Flanero.

Chattanooga Railroad Company, January 30, 1875. Sherman Conant, Simon B. Conover and Alonzo Huling.

Co-operative Colonization Trust Company, February 24, 1875. Peter Popin and E. R. Chadwick.

West Florida & Mobile Railroad Company, February 25, 1875. R. W. Ruter, Sidney G. Miller and S. W. Rhome.

Peace Creek Navigation Company, February 22, 1875. (Names of corporators marked B.)

Cedar Keys Hotel Company, February 13, 1875. D. L. Yulee, John Hedges, C. Wickliffe Yulee, D. E. Maxwell and F. J. Tutterloh.

Orange Lake Transportation Company, March 27, 1875. P. P. Bishop, G. W. Means, William Edwards, C. W. Keep, James A. Harris and John F. Dunn.

Jacksonville & St. Augustine Steamboat and Transportation Company, March 19, 1875. John Westcott, Abraham R. Day, James L. Colee.

Florida Coast-line Railway and Steamboat Company, March 19, 1875. John Westcott, Abraham R. Day, Bayse N. Westcott, J. J. Daniel, James L. Colee, James Cass and Columbus Drew.

Semi-Tropical Publishing Association, May 3, 1875. Harrison Reed, L. A. Hardie, P. E. Johnson and Charles W. Blew.

Ocala Silver Springs & Gulf Railway Company, May 21, 1875. Robert Bullock, Thomas Barco, William R. Hillyer, J. A. Agnew, C. J. Allred, Ebenezer J. Harris and Edwin Smith.

San Mateo Wharf Company, April 12, 1875. P. P. Bishop, P. H. Fowler, G. W. Lyle and E. R. Chadwick.

Tallahassee Manufacturing Company, April 9, 1875. R. M. Shouse, A. B. Hawkins, James B. Gamble, John S. Winthrop, George H. Meginnis, B. Williams, John McDougall, John Bradford and George W. Betton.

Mellonville and South Florida Railroad Company, August 29, 1875. J. N. Whitner, Geo. H. Packwood and Charles N. Fuller.

St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company, August 2, 1875. N. J. Phares, Jno. N. Bryan, Jos. Hutchinson, Milton Haynes, W. R. Newton, Gaston Drake, Thomas C. Lanier, Thurston S. Johnson, James E. Drake, S. M. Owens, R. D. Smith, Frank Weston, N. Norton, E. B. Norton and George C. Brantly.

Jacksonville Water Works, July 16, 1875. W. Stokes Boyd, T. W. Osborn, Richard M. Laughlin.

Leesburg Canal and Railroad Company, July 30, 1875. E.

Wimberly Cullen, John C. Lee, Aiken Stevender and E. C. F. Sanchez.

St. Johns and Indian River Railway Company, July 28, 1875. Charles D. Brigham, Luther Caldwell, Morris H. Alberger, Jas. W. Johnson and Louis D. Caldwell.

West Florida Railroad Company, October 29, 1875. J. F. McClellan, C. W. Davis, A. Merritt, Theo. West, F. M. G. Carter, Richard Melton, B. F. Livingston, W. D. Barnes, A. R. Godwin, W. W. McKay, L. M. Gamble, B. F. Neel, J. W. Mitchell, Peter Gillette and J. N. Staley.

Duval County Agricultural and Horticultural Industrial Association, October 18, 1875. N. J. Bidwell, H. B. Bisbee, D. S. Place, C. Codrington, J. W. Whitney and C. B. Rodgers.

Laboring Men's Association, No. 1, Escambia county, November 27, 1875. Eugene St. Guiron, George King, Ravenall Simmons, Jordan Beel, B. C. Young.

Jacksonville Horse Railroad Company, December 14, 1875. C. F. Mawbee, Abraham R. Day and B. N. Scudder.

Laboring Circle No. 1, of Millview, December 29, 1875. Joe. Wilkins, D. H. McDonald, John C. Henrachs, Charles Haskins and W. T. Kee.

Lake Harney and Indian River Railroad Company, August 23, 1875. Thos. W. Lanels, Lawrence J. Carlile, Henry T. Titus and Edward Hopkins.

Names of Corporations, Dates of Filing, and Names of Persons Constituting the Corporations.

Inland Navigation Company, January 28, 1876. J. J. Daniel, Chas. A. Fairchild, G. R. Hall, Theo. Hartridge, John Clark, C. B. Benedict, A. S. Baldwin, J. J. Finley, S. Y. Finley, D. G. Ambler, D. P. Smith, J. W. Gardener, T. W. C. Moore, Abm. R. Day and C. R. Griffing.

National Construction Company of Florida, February 21, 1876. Theo. H. Wagstaff, I. M. Hendrick & Son and E. M. Cheney.

Big Foot Steamboat Company, February 25, 1876. Sam H. Dickinson, Isaac J. Williams, Littleton Chambliss, Edward Dickinson, Jas. P. Coker and L. M. Gamble.

St. Johns and Indian River Tram or Iron Railroad Company, February 25, 1876. Edward Hopkins, Samuel J. Fox and Thos. W. Sands.

Lumber and Stevedore's Benevolent Society of Pensacola, No. 3, March 9, 1876. John H. Jones, M. S. White, John T. Washington, Nathan Jackson and Jerry Virgil.

Palatka Grove and Land Company, April 15, 1876. Charles Underwood, J. A. Bacon and John J. Myers.

Live Oak and Suwannee Railroad and Navigation Company,

April 10, 1876. Charles R. King, P. W. Goodyn, W. B. Taylor, Geo. W. Moodey, H. A. Wyse and Peter R. Harden.

Rissly Manufacturing Company, May 14, 1876. John L. Rissly, Luther McConihe, Augustus E. Sawyer.

No Gauge or Single Railroad and Construction Company, May 19, 1876. P. P. Bishop, John Westcott, D. L. Hart, James L. Colee, C. Drew, C. E. Martin, Jas. A. Norris, Thomas Shally, R. Peterman, J. J. Daniel, Emma Westcott and R. C. Gaillard.

Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company, June 16, 1876. R. W. Ruter, Benjamin F. Schenck and Thos. C. Spooner.

Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company, June 8, 1876. H. C. Howard, Geo. B. Phiney, B. F. Mathias, N. R. Gruelle, James Hunter, Thos. C. Lanier, J. B. Brown and Geo. H. Packwood.

Michigan Lumber Company. July 10, 1876. Delwin C. Culby, Sylvester Victorien, N. Burt, C. S. Labiden and L. S. More.

Atlantic and Mexican Gulf Canal Company, September 4, 1876. Ben. E. Green, Lafayette M. Laws, Joseph Shepard, Sam. O. Swann, W. B. C. Duryee.

Egmont Hotel Company, D. L. Yulee, Sam. O. Swann, W. B. C. Duryee, C. Wyckliffe Yulee, Fred. D. Whiting, A. O. McDonnell and D. E. Maxwell.

Corporations to whom Certificates have been Issued, or Letters Patent, and Date of Issue.

St. Johns Transportation Company, July 14, 1874.

Lake Harney and Indian River Tram Railroad Company, August 14, 1874.

West Florida Railroad Company, October 29, 1875.

Live Oak and Suwannee Railroad and Navigation Company, April 11, 1876.

St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company, January 4, 1876.

Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company, June 8, 1876.

St. Johns River and Indian River Tram and Iron Railroad Company, March 25, 1876.

The following companies have filed their Articles of Incorporation in this office up to the present time during the year 1877:

Merchants Union of the city of Jacksonville filed their Articles of Incorporation January 31, 1877. Members of the Corporation: C. P. Devereux, Theo. Hartridge, Geo. S. Wilson,

C. A. Fairchild, J. E. Hart, Geo. N. Wilson, D. P. Smith, P. M. Duval, B. Hopkins, F. Jordan.

Southern Narrow Gauge and Slideng Railway Company filed their articles of Incorporation January 9, 1877. Members of the Corporation: John Westcott, H. L. Hart, James L. Colee, C. Drew, C. E. Martin, James N. Harris, Thomas Shally, P. Peterman, J. J. Daniels, Emma Westcott, R. C. Gaillard, Henry Gaillard.

Which was received, and the accompanying documents were, on motion of Mr. Durkee, ordered to be spread on the journal.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the Senate went into Executive session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Lykes offered the following resolution:

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:

That the Congress of the United States be requested to appropriate fifty thousand dollars to clean out and improve the channel of Tampa Bay, in order to meet the increase demanding of the commercial interests of said Bay.

Resolved further, That our Representatives in Congress be furnished with a copy of this resolution, and are requested to use their utmost efforts to have such appropriation made.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.